

Peer Review Plan

Title of Review: Risk-Based Verification [] **Influential Scientific Information**
Sampling for *E. coli*
O157:H7 in Ground Beef

Agency: FSIS [X] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: Methods development

Purpose of Review: This assessment will utilize risk factors identified via expert elicitation and prior *E. coli* O157:H7 risk assessments to allocated *E. coli* O157:H7 verification sampling resources among establishments producing trim and/or ground beef in a targeted and risk-based manner.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 03/01/06 End: _____ Completed: _____

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: _____
Modeler/engineer, statisticians, epidemiologist, food scientist, microbiologist

Reviewers selected by: [] Agency [x] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name: SAIC or RTI

Opportunities for Public Comment? [X] Yes [] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How: Note: FSIS will have a public process to comment on the risk assessment either as part of rulemaking or as part of the *Federal Register* notice making it available. This occurs after a peer review of the risk assessment and is done in addition to the peer review process.
When: _____

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

Other:

